

INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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December 14,2018

Ref: DODOIG-2019-000187

Dear Ninan Duvall:

This acknowledges receipt of your 12/12/2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. We received your request on 12/12/2018 , and assigned it case number DODOIG-2019-000187.

Please be advised that the records you seek likely requires search of another location or field facility, consultation with one or more agencies or components outside the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, and/or the need to search, collect, and examine voluminous records. As such, we need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. See 5 U.S.C. 552 §(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). The time needed to complete our processing of your request will necessarily depend on the complexity of our records search, the time required by an outside agency or component to conduct an adequate review of the records, and/or the volume and complexity of any records located. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records. You can also agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located. You are welcome to contact us to discuss either of these options at any time during the processing of your request.

We regret the necessity of this delay, but we assure you we will process your request as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact this office by telephone at 703-604-9775 or by email at foiarequests@dodig.mil. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 703-604-9785 for any further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request.

Lastly, you may seek dispute resolution services and assistance with your request from the DoD OIG FOIA Public Liaison Officer at 703-604-9785, or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, ogis@nara.gov, or <https://ogis.archives.gov/>. You can also contact OGIS via regular mail at National Archives and Records Administration Office of Government Information Services, 8601 Adelphi Road –OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please note that OGIS mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records.)

Sincerely,

Government Information Specialist
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FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties